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Mr. Ross E. Eisenberg
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Dear Mr. Eisenberg,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment entitled "Modernizing Environmental Laws: Challenges and Opportunities for Expanding Infrastructure and Promoting Development and Manufacturing."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on Monday March 20, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Giulia Giannangeli, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Giulia.Giannangeli@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



John Shimkus
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment
Attachment

Questions for the Record

The Honorable John Shimkus

1. Mr. Eisenberg, you testify that “the state of our national economy, the manufacturing sector and the environment are considerably different than they were 20, 30, or 40 years ago. However, we are still operating with policies designed to address the environmental challenges of a previous era.”
 - a. Could you elaborate how some policies may not work for today’s regulated sectors?

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn

1. In a recent white paper entitled “EPA’s New Source Review Program: Time for Reform,” the authors state that EPA’s new ozone standards “may effectively prevent industrial development in some parts of the country.”
 - a. Do you agree that EPA’s new ozone standards threaten to prevent development in certain parts of the country?

The Honorable Buddy Carter

1. In your written testimony, you recommend that Congress “[s]pecify that forest biomass energy is considered carbon neutral as long as forest carbon stocks are stable or rising on a broad geographical scale, and recognize the forest products industry’s use of forest products manufacturing residuals for energy as carbon neutral regardless of forest carbon stocks.” Could you elaborate?
2. Does use of forest and agricultural biomass currently play an important role in addressing energy needs in the United States, including for the manufacturing sector?
3. Is it important to manufacturers that Federal policy relating to forest and agricultural biomass for energy be consistent across Federal departments and agencies? And would more consistent Federal policy relating to biomass energy serve to promote domestic manufacturing in the United States?